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OF THE PROTEIN CHAINS FORMING THE MOLECULE AND THE  
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES CODING FOR SAID PROTEIN CHAINS

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